

REMARKS

Claims 1, 2, 13 and 14 are amended herein. New claim 19 is added. Claims 1-19 are pending and under consideration.

The rejections based on Nishikawa and Yamada are respectfully traversed. Claim 1 (used herein as an example) recites a grilling unit provided above the heating unit, with the food placed on the grilling unit, the grilling unit comprising a grilling pipe above the heating unit. The Examiner does not rely upon Nishikawa. Instead, the Examiner relies upon the air supply pipe 10 and the charcoal W of Yamada as respectively corresponding to the claimed grilling pipe and heating unit. However, the air supply pipe 10 is below the charcoal. Yamada, FIG. 2.

Estes does not overcome these deficiencies in Yamada and Nishikawa, and is not relied on by the Examiner to do so.

Accordingly, withdrawal of the rejections is requested.

New claim 19 recites that the air goes through the grilling pipe having the food thereon. In contrast, the meat M of Yamada is not on the air supply pipe 10.

There being no further outstanding objections or rejections, it is submitted that the application is in condition for allowance. An early action to that effect is courteously solicited.

Finally, if there are any formal matters remaining after this response, the Examiner is requested to telephone the undersigned to attend to these matters.

If there are any additional fees associated with filing of this Amendment, please charge the same to our Deposit Account No. 19-3935.

Respectfully submitted,

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